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FOR GULF

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1. EMBASSY DOHA REGARDS REGIONAL AID ATTACHE AS USEFUL WITH
RESPECT TO DOHA. WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF REIMBURSIBLE
PROGRAMS AND HAVE USED THE AID ATTACHE AS A CONTACT FOR
FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING ORGANIZATIONS AND
INDIVIDUALS. RESULTS HAVE BEEN UNIFORMLY GOOD.

2. WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN FOUR CONTRACTS (IN AGRICULTURE,
MEDICINE, INDUSTRIAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL) SIGNED
AS A RESULT OF REIMBURSIBLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. FACILITA-
TIVE ASSISTANCE BE RDP OFFICES IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN USED
BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN RECRUITING ADMINISTRATORS, CON-
SULTING PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS AND, MOST
IMPORTANTLY, AN AMERICAN DIRECTOR OF THEIR OFFICE OF
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EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION. WE HAVE PENDING IN QATAR
PROGRAMS IN EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AND EVALUATION OF
DREDGING. AN AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIRM HAS A
GOOD POSSIBILITY OF PICKING UP A LARGE CONTRACT WITH THE
GOQ. ALL OF THESE HAVE RESULTED FROM PREVIOUS AID
PROGRAMS.

3. DURING RECENT VISIT BY HOLLIS, COGNIZANT GOQ OFFICIAL IN PALACE EXPRESSED CONTINUED INTEREST IN PROGRAM. MINISTRIES HAVE BECOME AWARE OF POSSIBILITIES OF PROGRAM AND NOW APPROACH EMBASSY SPECIFICALLY REQUESTING REIMBURSIBLE ASSISTANCE THROUGH A.I.D. GOQ OFFICIALS ARE UNIFORMLY IMPRESSED WITH QUALITY OF F PROGRAMS AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AND ARE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE SPEED OF RESPONSE OF A.I.D. (AID REIMBURSIBLE PROGRAMS ENJOY VERY GOOD REPUTATION FOR RESPONSIVENESS. U. N. PROGRAMS, ON OTHER HAND, HAVE REPUTATION OF BEING SLOW, UNRESPONSIVE.)

4. WE HAVE COME TO BELIEVE THAT CONSIDERABLY MORE CAN BE DONE BY AID REIMBURSIBLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN QATAR AND THAT A REGIONAL ATTACHE COULD, BY HIS PRESENCE, GENERATE INTEREST AND FACILITATE RESULTING PROGRAMS. EMBASSY DOHA COULD PROVIDE A BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR A REGIONAL AID ATTACHE. WE BELIEVE THAT WITH THE PROGRAMS GENERATED IN QATAR AND OMAN AND WITH SMALL PROGRAMS IN OTHER GULF STATES, REGIONAL ATTACHE COULD BE USEFULLY EMPLOYED FULL TIME. ALTHOUGH OFFICE SPACE NOT AVAILABLE IN CHANCERY WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT OFFICES COULD BE LOCATED IF ATTACHE WERE TO BE BASED IN DOHA.
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